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United States Welcomes Initialing of Inter-Malian Peace Agreement

The United States welcomes the initialing of an agreement between the Government of Mali and the northern armed groups on March 1 in Algiers, Algeria. The agreement lays out a crucial plan to restore security, promote a durable peace, support economic development, improve governance, and support reconciliation and justice.

The United States is encouraged by the parties' commitment to national reconciliation and the resolution of differences through dialogue. We urge all parties to remain committed to peaceful and inclusive dialogue as implementation of the agreement begins. Going forward, it will be critical for all parties to resolve any remaining differences peacefully and to work together to continue building governance and security structures that serve all Malians.

The United States is grateful to the Government of Algeria for its mediation efforts, with the support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Support Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), the African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the European Union (EU) and the Governments of Burkina Faso, Chad, Niger, Nigeria, Mauritania, and France. The United States thanks MINUSMA for its critical role in helping the parties arrive at an agreement and its continuing role supporting the peace and reconciliation processes.

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